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SUBJECT: BURMA ARMY PURCHASE OF 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL (B) SALE OF RECOILLESS RIFLES TO
BURMA ARMY HAS LONG BEEN APPROVED.

2. DEFENSE HAS BEEN WORKING ON RESPONSE TO DAO RANGOON
QUERIES ON THE SUBJECT, BUT HAS INFORMED US THAT RESPONSE
HAS BEEN DELAYED AS NEW QUESTIONS HERE BEEN RAISED
REFTELS (C-E). DEADLINE HAS IN EFFECT ALREADY BEEN
EXTENDED, AND WE EXPECT THAT BURMESE WILL BE PLEASED WITH
INFORMATION BEING DEVELOPED.

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3. DEPT FULLY APPRECIATES THE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE BURMA
ARMY OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN VARIOUS COMBAT
OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES.
POST SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT REPEATED ASSOCIATION
OF BURMA ARMY GENERAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS (PARTICU-
LARLY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION) WITH ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVI-
TIES COULD GIVE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION TO SOME OBSERVERS

THAT EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER OUR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL PROGRAM IS INDIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
TO BURMA ARMY. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION IN
BURMA, AND WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD AVOID SUCH
LINKAGES IN FUTURE MESSAGES. VANCE

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